

If you...

Discussed water reuse and conservation

Water Everywhere

#3. Be a Water Saver

Learn how to recycle and conserve water. Girls will learn that the WATER Center reuses its water on site. Girls will brainstorm ways they can conserve at home.

Visited the outdoor aquarium

Animals

#2. Understanding Animals

Visit a zoo or game preserve. Girls will view fish and wildlife and learn about what is native. Girls will discuss pets versus wild animals.

Walked the creekside trail to the Arkansas River

Numbers and Shapes Outdoor Adventurer

#3. Nature Shapes #3. Day Hike

Find shapes in natural things. Girls will look for circles, squares and triangles and colors in nature while hiking along the nature trail.

Outdoor Adventurer

#5 Touch, Smell, Listen

Girls will use all of their senses while exploring the nature trail at the WATER Center*.

***Touch**

- ☐ Something rough
- ☐ Something smooth
- ☐ Something dull
- ☐ Something pointy
- ☐ Something soft
- ☐ Something hard
- ☐ Something bumpy
- ☐ Something squishy
- ☐ Something crumbly
- ☐ Something wet

Smell

- ☐ Something sweet-smelling
- ☐ Something sour-smelling
- ☐ Something flowery
- ☐ Something minty
- ☐ Something bad-smelling
- ☐ Something pine-like
- ☐ Something lemony
- ☐ Something fruity

Listen

- ☐ Leaves rustling
- ☐ Twigs snapping
- ☐ Birds singing
- ☐ Birds flying
- ☐ Animals moving
- ☐ Water running
- ☐ Insects buzzing
- ☐ Wind moving things

Earth and Sky

#5 Creatures of the Air

Girls will hike along the path view the birds and insects that are attracted to the park.

Earth and Sky

#3 Going, Going, Gone

Girls will see evidence of erosion, evidence of human impact, and material moved by water.

Watching Wildlife

#1. Animal Architects

Girls will look for nests along the creek and in the trees and discuss the different types of materials that are used.

Eco - Explorer

#1. Exploring Nature

Girls will find both living and nonliving things in the natural environment*.

***When you find these items, check them off.**

Nonliving Things

- ☐ Dewdrops
- ☐ Smooth rock
- ☐ Shiny rock
- ☐ Sand
- ☐ Broken rock
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Sunlight
- ☐ Clouds
- ☐ Rock piles/cliffs

Living Things

- ☐ Flat green leaf
- ☐ Green leaf with pointy edges
- ☐ Green leaf with insect holes
- ☐ Green pine needles on a tree
- ☐ Insects
- ☐ Flower
- ☐ Cactus
- ☐ Mushroom
- ☐ moss
- ☐ Squirrel
- ☐ Fish
- ☐ Bird
- ☐ Worm

Signs of Living Things

- ☐ Ant hill
- ☐ Bird nest
- ☐ Bones
- ☐ Broken twigs/branches
- ☐ Brown leaves on the ground
- ☐ Bits of fur/feathers
- ☐ Spider web
- ☐ Animal footprint

Creative Composing

#3. Compose a Poem

Girls will read the poetry along the trail and will compose their own poem about water*.

***Using Images, write your own poem and share it with family and friends.**

Investigated the creek

Water Everywhere

#5. Water Explorer

Learn about aquatic habitats. Girls will collect items from the creek and explore for benthic macroinvertebrates

Investigated the displays in the WATER Center's exhibit room

Animals

#4. Looks Mean Something

Observe differences in animals' bodies. Girls will view turtles, fish and touch shells, fur and bones and see that animals' bodies have different adaptations.

Numbers and Shapes

#2. Origami

Girls will learn how fold origami fish at the art station in the exhibit hall.



The WATER Center offers many opportunities for visitors to learn about water, conservation, aquatic wildlife, and pollution prevention.

Inside the Center visitors can tour the museum, speak to a Water Quality Professional, or participate in a water education program. Please call the Center for a current schedule of programs.

See Wichita's largest public aquarium! The 11,000-gallon aquarium is filled with Kansas' fish, many of which come from the Arkansas River. Learn about the diversity of our rivers and streams. See what other fish can be found in our state's waters.

Take a walk along the creek to find out about the aquatic food web, buffer strips, and wetlands. View waterfowl, fish and other "critters" that have made the WATER Center their home.

The WATER Center's museum is open Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Center is closed on holidays.

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